



## Lab to study 'cyberscience,' counter cyber aggression

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate has awarded a \$1,579,800 contract to SRI International, Menlo Park, Calif.

The 27-month agreement, "The Genesis of Cyberscience and Its Mathematical Models," is funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of Arlington, Va., as part of the organization's Information Assurance Science and Engineering Tools program.

"SRI engineers will perform a study and develop the science supporting information assurance called Cyberscience," said Nancy A. Roberts, program manager in

the directorate's Information Technology Division. "The company will also develop mathematical models to support this science and enhance information assurance of computer systems and networks."

Information Assurance is regarded as crucial to Department of Defense efforts to counter cyber aggression and meet the challenges of the information age. A broad range of potential threats exists to the military's information infrastructure and its ability to maintain information superiority in future conflicts. @